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FAUJI HAS ADVISED US THAT BIDS WERE SOLICITED FROM 6 GROUPS FOR THE DESIGN/ENGINEERING CONTRACT FOR THE FAUJI/AGRIC FERTILIZER PROJECT. THE 6 GROUPS ARE FOSTER WHEELER CORP, IN A JOINT VENTURE WITH UHDE (GERMAN), TOYO ENGINEERING (JAPAN), FLUOR (US), CHEMICO PROCESS PLANTS COMPANY (US), M.W. KELLOGG (US, BUT POSSIBLY INVOLVING A BRITISH SUBSIDIARY) AND SNAM PROGETTI (ITALY). FINALS BIDS HAVE NOT YET BEEN SUBMITTED. THE DEADLINE FOR BIDS HAS NOW BEEN EXTENDED TO MARCH 20. FAUJI SOURCES HAVE STATED, HOWEVER, THAT THEY DID NOT EXPECT FLUOR OR CHEMICO TO MAKE IT ALL THE WAY THROUGH THE BIDDING PROCESS. TWO OF THE REMAINING FIRMS, KELLOGG AND SNAM PROGETTI BOTH HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN PLANNING FERTILIZER PLANTS IN PAKISTAN. KELLOGG DESIGNED THE DAWOOD HERCULES PLANT AND THE ESSO PLANT AND SNAM PROGETTI IS DESIGNING THE NEW PLANT TO BE CONSTRUCTED AT MIRPUR MATHELO. THIS WOULD SUGGEST THAT BOTH OF THESE FIRMS ARE PROBABLY IN A STRONG COMPETITIVE POSITION. EMB-SSY WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THIS.

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